



UTAH MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

STRENGTHENING AND EMPOWERING UTAH'S MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY

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Multicultural Affairs Hosts Main Stage at the First Lady's Parenting Conference and Expo

On May 4th and 5th, 2012, the office of Multicultural Affairs hosted the main stage at the First Lady's Parenting Conference and Expo. The main stage featured over fifteen performing groups representing various ethnic communities.

For performers, this was an opportunity to share and educate others about their culture and traditions through dance and music. One parent noted that the performance was an opportunity to instill in their child a sense of pride and appreciation for their heritage.

The highlight for many of the performers was Governor Gary R. Herbert and First Lady Jeanette Herbert visiting with performers and thanking them for their performances. In recognition for their excellent performances and contribution to the success of the conference, each performer was



Performers from the Leah Xiao Dance Company. For more photos see Page 4. acknowledged with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by First Lady, Jeanette Herbert.

An initiative of Utah's First Lady Jeanette Herbert's Uplift Utah Families campaign, the First Lady's Parenting Conference and Expo featured keynote speakers and workshops presenting the latest in effective parenting. Overall, the event brought in over 2,000 parents and their families.



Managing Ethnic Diversity

On March 12, 2012, the office of Multicultural Affairs and members of the Multicultural Commission (Steven Ha, James Jackson III, and Aden Batar) met with International Visitors from France as guests of the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. The goal of the Leadership Program is to learn about the integration of new immigrants into mainstream society and the relationship between cultural heritage, national identity, and civic pride. The purpose of the visit with MCA and MCC was to learn about outreach and integration programs designed to involve minority communities in State policy decisions.

Vaisakhi Celebration

Vaisakhi is an ancient harvest festival celebrated across northern India, especially in the Punjab region by the Sikhs. This day commemorates the establishment of the Khalsa (the pure - baptized Sikhs). Because agriculture is the backbone of the Indian sub-continent, it provides livelihood to the people living in the rural areas of the country.

Vaisakhi is celebrated with fun and fervor and is also one of the most colorful events in the Sikh calendar. There is usually a parade commemorating the Vaisakhi celebration. People come out to do "Sewa" (selfless service) such as giving out free food, and completing any other labor that needs to be done.

In 2010, at my humble request, the Sikh Temple of West Jordan, Utah, had conducted a similar free kitchen at the Road Home Shelter and for homeless people on the street and fed about 850 people.

This year, just a few families volunteered and joined hands with me to do a free kitchen and fed about 600 people at the Road Home Shelter. Josh Stovall, the Manager of the Road Home, said that this is the first time during his management that he has seen all of the Road Home residents be fed a full meal.

The volunteering families provided bottled water, rice, kidney beans, plates, spoons napkins and garbage bags etc. About 25 volunteers took part in serving the food at two spots within the facility.

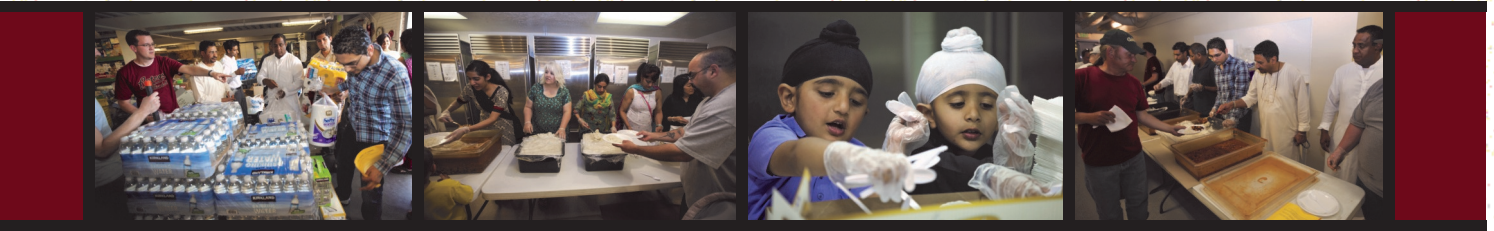
We arrived at the Shelter at about 4.30 PM and set the tables and unloaded the supplies which included all the items such as disposables plates, containers, napkins, bottled water, gloves, garbage bags, paper towels etc. We did not want to be the burden on the facility in any way. At the end, in fact, lots of extra supplies were also donated to the Road Home.

Dave of Channel 2 and Geoffrey interviewed me about organizing the event from about 5 to 5.30 PM. August Miller not only volunteered but also covered the whole event and took photos. The Rio Grande Cafe had very generously given us the parking spaces. The food was solely prepared by Avtar Singh of Star of India. I did not watch the news but I was told that Channel 2 covered the event in great detail at 10 P.M. and following day.

At about 5.30 to 6.00 PM, after a brief introduction and prayer, the group of volunteers divided into two. The men went upstairs to serve the food to about 300 male adults while the women stayed downstairs where they served about 200 people, mainly comprising of family members. There was plenty of food left for the staff of the Road Home and the volunteers.

Everybody seems to have enjoyed the food and the service. For me and my family, the contentment of a successful Vaisakhi celebration has proved fruitful with the blessings of the residents, the Road Home and the volunteers.

Humbly,
Mani, Lippa and Shehnoor Grewal



Photos Courtesy of August Miller Photography

Community Empowerment

On May 11, 2012 the Salt Lake City Office of Diversity & Human Rights announced the launch of the Human Rights Education Project. The project will hold workshops to help refugee and immigrant communities understand their legal rights in housing and employment. Other classes include sexual violence prevention, U.S. citizenship, criminal justice, and gang prevention.

The program was launched with remarks by Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker, Salt Lake City Council Member Kyle LaMalfa, Utah Labor Commissioner Sherrie Hayashi and celebrated with live entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction.

For more information about this project, please visit the Office of Diversity & Human Rights website at <http://www.slcgov.com/odhr/hrp>.

2012 ASPA Awards

Each year the Utah Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration celebrates Public Service Recognition Week, celebrated the first Monday through Sunday in May since 1985. It is a time set aside to inform Americans about the broad variety of services provided by government and serves as an opportunity to show appreciation to public employees at the federal, state, county, and local levels who ensure that our government is the best in the world.

On May 11, 2012 service awards were presented at a special luncheon meeting held at the Utah State Office Building. This year, the Salt Lake County Council on Diversity Affairs was awarded the Boards and Commissions Award of Excellence, for a board or commission whose members have exhibited community service, work to support the common good, are proactive in decision-making, and facilitate public



participation in governmental processes. Also recognized at this event was Representative David Litvack, for his service as an elected official, who through exceptional commitment, skill and integrity, served the public with special distinction, and Jolaine Randall, for her significant contributions to public administration through academia and as a public citizen.



Shaun Froelich, President of E-Corp; Eddie Lee, CEO; and Steve Price, SBA Utah Deputy District Director

Minority Enterprise Development 8(a) Contractor of the Year

The Small Business Administration's Utah District Office proudly presented Eddie Lee, CEO/CFO of E-Corp, the Minority Enterprise Development 8(a) Contractor of the Year award on February 9, 2012. E-Corp is a highly qualified, professional project management and general contracting company who entered the 8(a) program in July 2003.

Mr. Lee strongly believes his philosophy of excellence in contracting - exceeding the expectations of customers while providing the highest quality - is a trait recognized by federal and private customers that has led to their success.

MCA congratulates Eddie Lee, 2011 Minority Enterprise Development 8(a) Contractor of the Year for the State of Utah.

Cinco De Mayo Facts

Cinco de Mayo celebrates the legendary Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, in which a Mexican force of 4,500 men faced 6,000 well-trained French soldiers. The battle lasted four hours and ended in a victory for the Mexican army under Gen. Ignacio Zaragoza. Along with Mexican Independence Day on Sept. 16, Cinco de Mayo has become a time to celebrate Mexican heritage and culture, but Did You

31.8 million U.S. residents are of Mexican origin.

25.5 is the median age of people in the United States of Mexican origin.

61% percent of the Mexican-origin population in the United States reside in California (11.4 million) and Texas (8.0 million).

40 states in which the Mexican-origin population represents the largest Hispanic group. More than half of these states are in the South and West regions of the country, two in the Northeast region, and twelve in the Midwest region.

685,000 U.S. military veterans are of Mexican origin.

1.5 million people of Mexican descent 25 years and older hold a bachelor's degree or higher. This includes about 404,000 who have a graduate or professional degree.

67.8% percent, 16 and older, of Mexican origin are in the labor force. This percentage accounts for 64 percent for the population as a whole.

49.2% percent of householders of Mexican origin in occupied housing units own the home in which they live.

1.0 million number of firms owned by people of Mexican origin in 2007. They accounted for 45.8 percent of all Hispanic-owned firms.

\$154.9 billion sales and receipts for firms owned by people of Mexican origin in 2007, 44.2 percent of all Hispanic-owned firm receipts.

47.8% percent increase in the number of businesses owned by people of Mexican origin between 2002 and 2007.

\$100.4 million product shipment value of tamales and other Mexican food specialties (not frozen or canned) produced in the United States in 2002.

\$48.9 million product shipment value of frozen enchiladas produced in the United States in 2002. Frozen tortilla shipments were valued even higher at \$156 million.

374 number of U.S. tortilla manufacturing establishments in 2008. Tortillas, the principal food of the Aztecs, are known as the "bread of Mexico."

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

UHCC Convention and Expo

Governor Gary R. Herbert provided a keynote address on May 11th at the Utah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 2012 Convention & Expo. This year's theme "Economic Growth Through Connected Communities," included national keynote speakers (Marc A. Rodriguez, Chair of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Margot Dorfman, CEO, U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce, and Representative Linda Sanchez, U.S. House of Representatives) dynamic workshops, a women's leadership breakfast, networking opportunities, and an interactive business expo.

Over 300 individuals were in attendance at the annual luncheon to honor Hispanic businesses, organizations, and members of the community with UHCC's 2012 Quixote Business Awards.

Governor Herbert met privately with Marc A. Rodriguez to discuss the possibility of bringing the National Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Convention to Salt Lake City in 2014.



Governor Gary R. Herbert with 'Latinos in Action' from West Lake High School. Front cover photo: Governor Herbert and Representative Linda Sanchez, U.S. House of Representatives.

First Lady's Parenting Conference & Expo Main Stage Snapshots



Comments Needed

UDOT is currently developing the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for the next three Federal fiscal years. The proposed DBE goal can be found on the UDOT website at www.udot.utah.gov/go/dbe. Comments may be provided to UDOT by following the directions on the website. The document will be available for review from May 15th through June 20, 2012 and comments will be accepted through July 1, 2012. Only comments related specifically to the DBE goal and the development of the goal will be accepted. All other UDOT or DBE-program related comments should be directed to the appropriate contact provided on the main UDOT website.



Quick Fact!

Did you know that June is Utah Refugee Month? To commemorate, the Utah Refugee Coalition is hosting several events to increase awareness and celebrate the diversity refugees bring to our community. Planned events include a photo exhibit, panel discussions, fashion show, film screening, all culminating in a World Refugee Day Festival on June 16, 2012 from 12:00 to 6:00 pm. To find out more information about these events please visit refugee.utah.gov.

Utah Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce (UVACC)

2012 has been a very significant and progressive year for the Vietnamese community. This is evident with the growth and success of Vietnamese owned businesses and is marked with the commencement of the Utah Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce (UVACC). The UVACC plans to advocate for Vietnamese and Asian owned businesses. It will provide essential opportunities and resources that will help to strengthen the business climate of Utah. The Board of Directors include Chairman, Tom Huynh; First Vice Chairman, Steven Ha; Second Vice Chairman, Thuan Tran; Secretary, Hoa Vo; and Treasurer, Victoria Dang.

Please send submissions to this Newsletter and/or to be included on the Newsletter Mailing List to seldridge@utah.gov.

Announcements

5th Annual Utah Vietnamese Summer Festival 2012
 3095 South Redwood Road, West Valley City, Utah 84119
 Saturday, July 14th, 2012
 Festival 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
 Concert 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
www.summer-festival.org

35th Annual Asian Festival
 June 9th 2012
 Saturday 10am-7pm
 South Towne Expo Center
 9575 South State Street, Sandy UT 84070

HATE CRIME, IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE

May 23
Salt Lake County Chambers
 2001 S State, Salt Lake City, UT
 For more info call: 385-468-7014

You will walk away from this forum knowing what and how to report a hate crime, both as a victim and as a witness.

6:00-7:30pm
 Welcome
 Mayor Peter Corson

6:00-8:00pm
 Resource Forum
 Hear speakers from law enforcement, advocacy groups, victim support groups and be available to answer your questions.

SLC SALT LAKE COUNTY DIVERSE

JUNE 2, 2012 6:00 PM-DARK

WEST VALLEY CITY & THE UTAH CULTURAL CELEBRATION CENTER PRESENTS

FIESTA

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
 Face Painting
 Bead Stringing
 La Loteria
 Piñatas
 Bounce Houses

TRADITIONAL FOOD

FIREWORKS

FOLK ARTS DEMONSTRATIONS

ENTERTAINMENT
 Ballet Folklórico de las Américas
 FLAMA
 Catpuli Mikizhuatl
 Mariachi America
 Casa Chiapas Marimba Group
 Latin Dance Heritage
 Ichantzinco Tlaloc
 Latinos in Action
 VIVA FRIDA ART EXHIBITION

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 UTAH CULTURAL CELEBRATION CENTER
 1355 WEST 9100 SOUTH • WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH

Father Daughter Ball
Presents:
You're Amazing Just the Way You Are

Dual Immersion Academia
 1155 Glendale Drive, SLC 84104
 Friday, June 15, 2012
 6:00-9:00 PM
 RSVP to 801-792-1057
 bedollafran@aol.com

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AL PADRE DEL AÑO 2012
 LA CELEBRACIÓN DEL PADRE DEL AÑO SERÁ EL 20 DE JUNIO EN EL ESTADIO DE REAL SALT LAKE

5th Peruvian Festival in Utah /Centerville 2012

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inclusion summit
 Human Relations Retreat
 July 2- 6, 2012

Each of us has room to grow when it comes to relating with different members of our communities. Using human relations as a foundation, participants at this 5 day overnight retreat will be challenged to understand the dynamics of prejudice, discrimination and bigotry.

Inclusion Summit involves:

interactive & participatory co-learning • Visiting speakers • Three catered meals and snacks daily • Lodging at cabins • Meetings at the Lodge • Small and large dialogue groups • One on one conversations • Seeking authenticity • Exploring creativity • Asking hard questions • Sharing deep emotions • Questioning self and others in a respectful way • And so much more...

For more information please contact Hande at (801)587-0823 or htogrul@inclusioncenter.org. Or, fill out the info on the back to save your spot at the retreat!

7TH ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN SUMMIT

SAVE THE DATE
AUGUST 14-15, 2012

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 150 WEST 500 SOUTH
 SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84101
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2012 Utah Refugee Conference
October 26-27, 2012

Held at the Salt Lake City Sheraton • more info at refugee.utah.gov

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